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SUBJ: ELEKDAG VISIT TO US

REF: GELBER-EWING TELECON AUGUST 5

1. GOT HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 OF ELEKDAG VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE TURKISH PRESS THIS MORNING ALREADY HAS STORY. (AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED TELECON, TURKS HAD EARLIER PLANNED MONDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.) WE UNDERSTAND TURKISH STATEMENT WILL BE ALONG LINES OF TEXT SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. MOST PAPERS AUGUST 6 CARRY WIRE SERVICE (ANKA) ACCOUNT OF THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING HELD YESTERDAY IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS THE EMBARGO. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED TO SEND MFA SECRETARY GENERAL TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MET.
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ELEKDAG WAS TO ENGAGE IN "CONTACTS AND EFFORTS" IN ORDER TO SEE THAT THE TEXT WHICH EMERGES FROM THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT CREATE NEW PROBLEMS FOR TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

3. MEANWHILE, MOST PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORT ECEVIT AS HAVING TOLD A MEETING OF THE SUPREME

MILITARY COUNCIL YESTERDAY THAT THE "EMBARGO CAN BE
CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN DEFINITELY LIFTED." THE
OTHER MAJOR EMBARGO STORY IN SUNDAY'S PAPERS IS A
TASS STATEMENT SHARPLY CRITICAL OF CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION IN LIFTING THE EMBARGO. THE HEADLINES CONVEY
A TONE DISTINCTLY HOSTILE TOWARD TURKEY: "TASS:
LIFTING OF EMBARGO WILL DESTROY BALANCE OF FORCES IN
THE AEGEAN" OR "SOVIET UNION: RAISING OF EMBARGO
WILL INCREASE INSTABILITY IN AEGEAN."
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